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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 June 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4-9,11,14-16,19 and 21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 4-9, 11, 14-16, 19 and 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 5/19/09 has been entered.

Response to Amendment

2. The amendment filed on 5/19/09 has been entered. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended. No claims have been added. Claims 1, 4-9, 11, 14-16, 19 and 21 are currently pending in this application, with claims 1 and 11 being independent.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claim 1, 6-9, 11, 16, 19 and 21 and 16-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Shintai, et al (**US PG Publication 2003/0022674**). From now on, Shintai, et al, will be referred to as Shintai.

Regarding claim 1, Shintai teaches a wireless terminal (**Cellular Phone unit 1 of**

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Figure 1) when connected to a base device (**Said cellular phone designates a base station with which to connect, Paragraph 10, lines 1-9**), receiving video data or audio data or both video and audio data from the connected base device (**Audio data is received at Said cellular phone, Paragraph 22, lines 1-9**), comprising: connection requesting means for broadcasting a connection request command that requests a connection with a base device (**Said designation occurs upon a user request through a paging process, Paragraph 10, lines 1-10 and Paragraph 23**); connection establishing means for, when there are two or more base devices in a communications range of the wireless terminal, obtaining only a first incoming one of sets of identification data (**Said cellular phone receives base station identification numbers from several base stations, where a primary connection will occur between said cellular phone and only one base station included in and corresponding to one of said base station identification numbers, Paragraph 10, lines 1-9**), each set being transmitted from a base device in response to the connection request command and specifying the base device (**Said identification numbers received from base stations, where said identification numbers specify corresponding base station of said cellular phone, Paragraph 10, lines 1-9**), so as to establish a connection with a base device that is indicated by the thus obtained, first incoming set of identification data (**Said designation of base station indicates connection with said base station, Paragraph 10, lines 4-9**); connection completion notifying means for, after the obtaining of the first incoming set of identification data, broadcasting a connection process completion command that indicates that the

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connection with the connected base device is established (**Said cellular phone sends said base station identification data to a location information server, Paragraph 10, lines 9-11**); and connection counterpart notifying means for notifying, based on the first set of identification data, a user of the base device to which the wireless terminal is currently connected (**A data communication mode is set up with a designated base station, based on said base station identification numbers corresponding to said designated base station included in said set of base station identification numbers, Paragraph 10, lines 1-9 and Paragraph 23**).

Regarding claims 6, Shintai teaches a wireless terminal and a wireless system as set forth in claim 1, comprising: image output means for causing display means to display an image based on video data received from the base device to which the wireless terminal is connected, the connection counterpart notifying means displaying the identification data on the display section in an OSD manner (**A contents server transmits game/video applications data to said cellular phone, Paragraph 25, lines 4-8**).

Regarding claim 7, Shintai teaches a base device comprising: identification data transmission means for transmitting the identification data to the wireless terminal as set forth in claim 1 (**Paragraph 23, lines 1-5**).

Regarding claim 8, Shintai teaches a wireless system comprising: the wireless

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terminal as set forth in claim 1 (**See Claim 1**); and a base device comprising identification data transmission means for transmitting the identification data to the wireless terminal as set forth in claim 1 (**Paragraph 23, lines 1-5**).

Regarding claims 9, Shintai teaches a computer readable storage medium storing a control program for operating a wireless terminal as set forth in claim 1, the control program causing a computer to function as each of the means (**Paragraph 57**).

Regarding claim 11, Shintai teaches a wireless system comprising a base device and a wireless terminal (**A cellular phone communicates with a base station, Paragraph 10, lines 1-9**) which, when connected to a base device (**Said cellular phone designates a base station with which to connect, Paragraph 10, lines 1-9**), receives either video data or audio data or both video and audio data from the connected base device (**Audio data is received at Said cellular phone, Paragraph 22, lines 1-9**), wherein: the wireless terminal comprises: connection requesting means for broadcasting a connection request command that requests a connection with a base device (**Said designation occurs upon a user request, Paragraph 49, lines 1-10**); connection establishing means for, when there are two or more base devices in a communications range of the wireless terminal, obtaining only a first incoming one of sets of identification data (**Said cellular phone receives base station identification numbers from several base stations, where a primary connection will occur between said cellular phone and only one base station corresponding to one of**

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said base station identification numbers, Paragraph 10, lines 1-9), each set being transmitted from a base device in response to the connection request command and specifying the base device, so as to establish a connection with a base device that is indicated by the thus obtained, first incoming set of identification data **(Said identification numbers received from base stations, where said identification numbers specify corresponding base station of said cellular phone, Paragraph 10, lines 1-9);** connection completion notifying means for, after the obtaining of the first incoming set of identification data, broadcasting a connection process completion command that indicates that the connection with the connected base device is established **(Said cellular phone sends said base station identification data to a location information server, Paragraph 10, lines 9-11);** first connection confirming mode transiting means for causing transition into a connection confirmation mode in accordance with input of an instruction from a user **(The dormant mode and the standby mode are employed for receiving the base station id's before a locationing server confirms the base station id's have been received by commencing a positioning function, Paragraph 23, lines 1-7, Paragraph 24, lines 1-7, Paragraph 26, lines 1-6 and Figure 3);** connection confirming means for obtaining, after the transition to the connection confirmation mode, a connection confirmation command from the base device to which the wireless terminal is connected, the connection confirmation command being for confirming the connection **(Said cellular phone unit 1 establishes connection with the best base station among a group of nearby base stations during a standby mode. After finding the**

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best base station, said cellular phone unit 1 transitions to a data communication mode, said data communication mode indicating to the user that his connection is now established. Since all mobile phones at minimum are equipped with a means to at least visually display to the user a connection could be established with a base station (bar indicators, for example), said user will be informed or warned about the ability of said cellular phone unit 1 to establish the connection with the base station. Communication is continued until a locationing request is made by the user such as during a handover operation as in Step S3 of Figure 3. Said establishment of the communication is described in Paragraphs 28-30 and Paragraph 31, lines 1-5); and warning means for warning the user if the connection confirmation means does not obtain the connection confirmation command within a predetermined time after the transition to the connection confirmation mode **(A timer is used to check whether or not a communication with the base station has been established within a prescribed time after the positioning command has been received, Column 31, lines 1-9),** and the base device comprises: identification data transmission means for transmitting the identification data after receiving a connection request command **(Said designation of base station indicates connection with said base station, Paragraph 10, lines 4-9);** means for, after receiving the connection process completion command, recognizing that the connection is established and transmitting either video data or audio data or both video and audio data to the wireless terminal **(Audio data is received at Said cellular phone, Paragraph 22, lines 1-9);** second connection confirming mode transiting means for

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causing transition into the connection confirmation mode in accordance with the input of the instruction from the user; and connection confirmation command transmitting means for transmitting the connection confirmation command, if the transition into the connection confirmation is performed **(The same process described above may be performed using either a dormant or standby mode during which base station id's are received, Column 26, lines 1-6).**

Regarding claim 16, Shintai teaches a wireless system as set forth in claim 11, comprising: image output means for causing display means to display an image based on video data received from the base device to which the wireless terminal is connected **(A contents server transmits game/video applications data to said cellular phone, Paragraph 25, lines 4-8)**, the warning means warning the user by displaying a warning message on the display section in an OSD manner **(Said timer used to check whether or not a communication with the base station has been established within a prescribed time after the positioning command has been received triggers a deactivation of said cellular phone to dormant mode, Paragraph 33, Paragraph 34, lines 1-6 and Paragraph 35, lines 1-4 and Steps S4, S7, S8 and S9 of Figure 3).**

Regarding claim 19, Shintai teaches a computer readable storage medium storing a control program for operating a wireless terminal constituting the wireless system as set forth in claim 11, the control program causing a computer to function as

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each of the means (**Paragraph 57**).

Regarding claim 21, Shintai teaches a computer readable storage medium storing a control program for operating a base device constituting the wireless system as set forth in claim 11, the control program causing a computer to function as each of the means (**Paragraph 57**).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

7. Claims 4, 5, 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shintai, in view of Pihl, et al (**US PG Publication 2003/0186707**).

From now on, Pihl, et al, will be referred to as Pihl.

Regarding claims 4 and 14, Shintai teaches a wireless terminal as set forth in

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claims 1 and 11, respectively. Shintai fails to teach the identification data contains a key for encrypting the data and a key for decrypting the encrypted data. Pihl teaches the identification data contains a key for encrypting the data and a key for decrypting the encrypted data **(Paragraphs 38-39, Paragraph 44 and chart that follows)**. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the invention of Shintai to include an encryption/decryption unit for the benefit of added security.

Regarding claims 5 and 15, Shintai teaches a wireless terminal as set forth in claims 4 and 14, respectively. Shintai fails to teach the key for encrypting the data and the key for decrypting the encrypted data are algorithms specific to the base device indicated by the identification data. Pihl teaches the key for encrypting the data and the key for decrypting the encrypted data are algorithms specific to the base device indicated by the identification data **(An algorithm may be used to determine whether base station location charges are applicable, Paragraphs 38-39, Paragraph 44 and chart that follows)**. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the invention of Shintai to include an encryption/decryption unit for the benefit of added security.

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments regarding claims 1, 4-9, 11, 14-16, 19 and 21 filed 6/17/09, have been fully considered but they are not persuasive for the following reasons:

Regarding Shintai not teaching the connection requesting means for requesting a

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connection with a base device, a user makes a request for proper location positioning and in turn a connection to the best base station among a group of base stations through a paging process, as stated in Paragraph 10, lines 1-10, and Paragraph 23, where the request is indicated by the **"user's instruction"** and **"instructed by the user"**, This paging process is typical of the registration process that occurs in the art of wireless communications.

Regarding Shintai not teaching the connection completion notifying means and a transmission of an indication that the connection with the base station has been established, the transmitting of the base-ID of the designated base station works as a means for the cellular phone unit 1 in figure 1 to notify a location server that it has established connection with best base station among a group of base stations and it is ready to communicate, as indicated in Paragraph 10, lines 9-11. For further clarification, see Paragraph 23, lines 3-10.

Regarding Shintai not teaching the connection counterpart notifying means and the user being notified of the base station identification numbers of the base stations, while establishing the communication channel to allow for the cellular phone unit 1 to communicate with the best base station among a group of base stations, said cellular phone unit 1 receives the base station id numbers, as indicated by Paragraph 10, lines 4-9 and Paragraph 23, lines 3-7. Paragraph 24 is not used to reject this limitation as was stated in the argument by applicant.

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Regarding Shintai not teaching the warning means for warning the user if no connection has been established within a predetermined time period after transitioning into a connection confirmation mode, it is notoriously understood in the art that if a connection cannot be established with a base station, the user will be informed or made aware of this. Therefore, although Shintai does not use the word "warning" in describing the checking of the expiring of the predetermined time length in Paragraph 31, since all mobile phones at minimum are equipped with a means to at least visually display to the user no connection could be established with a base station (bar indicators, for example), said user will be informed or warned about the inability of said cellular phone unit 1 to establish the connection with the base station. For further clarification, see Paragraph 33, where it states the predetermined time length expiring.

Regarding Shintai not teaching a connection confirming means, said connection confirming means is a signal that lets the user know that his connection is established after transitioning to the connection confirmation mode. The cellular phone unit 1 establishes connection with the best base station among a group of nearby base stations during a standby mode. After finding the best base station, said cellular phone unit 1 transitions to a data communication mode, said data communication mode indicating to the user that his connection is now established. Similar to the warning explanation in the previous argument, it is notoriously understood in the art that if a connection can be established with a

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base station, the user will be informed or made aware of this. Therefore, since all mobile phones at minimum are equipped with a means to at least visually display to the user a connection could be established with a base station (bar indicators, for example), said user will be informed or warned about the ability of said cellular phone unit 1 to establish the connection with the base station.

Communication is continued until a locationing request is made by the user such as during a handover operation as in Step S3 of Figure 3. Said establishment of the communication is described in Paragraphs 28-30 and Paragraph 31, lines 1-5.

Conclusion

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to FRANK DONADO whose telephone number is (571) 270-5361. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday, 9:30 am-6 pm, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rafael Perez-Gutierrez can be reached on 571-272-7915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-270-6361.

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